Indo-US Defence Treaty

† 1707. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal for defence treaty between India and U.S.A.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

CBI Investigation into supply of spares for ships

1708. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether C.B.I, has since completed the investigation into criminal conspiracy hatched by the senior officials of the Navy with the blacklisted ship chandlers for supply of spare parts for ships and submarine worth Rs. 4.92 crore;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to be concluded; and

(c) what are the names of such blacklisted companies involved in this case and whether officials of Navy have since been suspended and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The CBI has not completed its investigation. However, as part of ongoing investigations the CBI has, in June 2001 filed an FIR in Delhi and Vishakhapatnam under the relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and Prevention of Corruption Act.

One of the officers of the Navy and the following firms have been mentioned in the FIR:—

(i) M/s. Machinery Sales Corporation

(ii) M/s. Dynatron Services

(iii) M/s. Makalu Consulting Engineers (P) Ltd.

(iv) M/s. HC Supplies Division

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